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SOURCE: (C) //OTS 6 947 0007 06//SENIOR WESTERN MILITARY OFFICER
WITH DIRECT AND INDIRECT ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION. RO MET
SOURCE FOR THE FIRST TIME. CONTEXT STATEMENT - SOURCE HAS
RESPONSIBILITIES IN TAJIKISTAN THAT BRING HIM IN COUNTRY
APPROXIMATELY TWICE A YEAR. SOURCE IS AWARE THAT INFORMATION
WILL REACH U.S. INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS AND COMMENTS MAY BE MEANT
TO INFLUENCE AS MUCH AS TO INFORM.

SUMMARY: (C//REL TO USA, GBR AND AUS) BELGIUM IS CONSIDERING
TRANSFERRING ITS LIMITED PERSONNEL MOVEMENT FROM TERMEZ AIRFIELD
IN UZBEKISTAN TO DUSHANBE.

TEXT: 1. (C//REL TO USA, GBR AND AUS) ON 7 DECEMBER 2005,
SOURCE TOLD RO THAT BELGIUM IS LOOKING TO MOVE ITS LIMITED
OPERATIONS THROUGH TERMEZ AIRBASE TO DUSHANBE. THE BELGIANS FLY
THROUGH TERMEZ APPROXIMATELY ONCE A WEEK IN SUPPORT OF ITS ISAF
CONTRIBUTION. SOURCE FELT THE UZBEKS WOULD EVENTUALLY DENY
BELGIUM OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE AND FLYING THROUGH TERMEZ WAS
INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT. SOURCE ADDED THAT TAJIKISTAN APPEARED
TO BE A BETTER SOLUTION. SOURCE SAID THE FRENCH HAVE HAD LITTLE
TO NO PROBLEM IN TAJIKISTAN AND BELGIUM SEES LITTLE NEED TO
CONTINUE TO USE TERMEZ FOR THEIR LIMITED SUPPORT NEEDS. SOURCE
CONCLUDED THAT BELGIUM HAS NO PLANS AT THIS TIME TO STATION
SOLDIERS IN DUSHANBE, SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO USE DUSHANBE.

COMMENTS: 1. (C//REL TO USA, GBR AND AUS) FIELD COMMENT: WORD
SEEMS TO BE GETTING OUT AMONG NATO ALLIES THAT TAJIKISTAN IS A
PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR SUPPORT OPERATIONS. RO HAS YET TO
HEAR OF ANY ISSUES OF CONCERN FROM ANY NATO ALLY OR THE TAJIKS
REGARDING POTENTIAL INCREASED ISAF SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN
TAJIKISTAN. WITH THE RUSSIANS, FRENCH AND TAJIK CIVILIAN
AIRCRAFT ALL CURRENTLY OPERATING OUT OF DUSHANBE, SPACE IS
LIMITED. AS THE NUMBER OF NATO ALLIES CONSIDERING DUSHANBE
INCREASES THE TAJIKS WILL LIKELY LOOK TOWARD INFRASTRUCTURE
UPGRADES BEYOND THE RECENT RUNWAY UPGRADES A FRENCH CONTRACTOR
COMPLETED IN OCTOBER 05 WITH 4 MILLION USD IN UNITED STATES
FUNDING.

[12.](#) (U) HEADQUARTERS COMMENT. REQUEST ORIGINATOR OF CITED
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[13.](#) (U) SOURCE IS AVAILABLE FOR FURTHER CONTACT.

[14.](#) (U) DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS IIR TO DIA/DHO-2 AT

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